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Town Officers

ELECTED BIENNIALY

Moderator,

FRANK H. PEARSON.

Representative to General Court,

CHARLES J. BREWSTER,

Supervisors of Check List,

PAUL W. GOODSOE,

G. ARTHUR GOWEN.

BENJAMIN E. PRAY,

ELECTED ANNUALLY

Town Clerk,

CHARLES N. LANE.

Selectmen,

MARSHALL S. CHASE,

ARTHUR H. JEWELL.

BENJAMIN BRIERLEY,

Treasurer,

GEORGE L. BARKER.

Collector of Taxes,

WILFRED H. BATCHELDER.

Auditors,

GEORGE W. DIXON,

FRANK H. PEARSON.

Board of Education,

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,

ALBERT C. LANE.

HANNAH F. THOMPSON,

Truant Officer,

WILFRED H. BATCHELDER.

Library Trustees,

GEORGE E. GOWEN,

GEORGE L. BARKER.

APPOINTED.

Police Officer,

WILFRED H. BATCHELDER.

Board of Health.

FRED C. BOND,

JOHN W. MARSH.

JOHN S. SCAMMON,

Town Warrant

[L.S.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Stratham, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvements, raise and appropriate money for the same.

4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expense of raising the flag on Stratham Hill holidays and Sundays.

5. To see if the town will vote to have one or three Surveyors instead of sixteen.

6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, the seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fourteen.

M. S. CHASE,
BENJ. BRIERLEY,
A. H. JEWELL,
Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

M. S. CHASE,
BENJ. BRIERLEY,
A. H. JEWELL,
Selectmen of Stratham.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION

Polls, 155.....	\$15,500 00
Land and buildings.....	393,090 00
Horses, 184.....	20,605 00
Cows, 391.....	13,490 00
Neat stock, 118.....	2,215 00
Ponies, 4.....	400 00
Hogs, 1.....	10 00
Fowls, 1,894.....	1,034 00
Vehicles, 16.....	3,975 00
Oxen, 12.....	900 00
Sheep, 84.....	336 00
Portable mills.....	325 00
Wood and lumber.....	4,550 00
Value of stock in banks.....	1,040 00
Money on hand.....	13,611 00
Stock in trade.....	2,375 00
Mills and machinery.....	1,000 00
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	\$474,456 00
Soldiers' exemption.....	8,563 00
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Rate of taxation, \$1.59; district 42c.....	\$465,893 00

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax.....	\$1,224 00
County tax.....	1,109 12
Schools by law.....	1,147 50
Voted at school meeting.....	1,295 00
Special school meeting.....	130 00
Contingent fund.....	500 00
Highways by law.....	1,179 05
State highway.....	235 50
Repair on state highway.....	60 00
Library.....	500 00
Overlay.....	52 25
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Total amount raised.....	\$7,432 42

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES

George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent....	\$500 00
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent.	750 00
Charles E. Gear, note at 4 per cent.....	1,500 00
Amanda M. Lane library fund	700 00
Trust funds	150 00
James W. Foss cemetery fund	75 00

\$3,675 00

ASSETS

Balance on hand, Feb. 17, 1914	\$1,576 60
Uncollected taxes, 1913	704 38
Uncollected taxes, 1912	131 41
Due from estate of Mrs. Annie Barbour	162 00
State on account of forest fire	26 62
State, repairs on highway	65 00

\$2,666 01

Total indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1914	1,008 99
Decrease	\$758 15

M. S. CHASE,
 BENJ. BRIERLEY,
 A. H. JEWELL,
Selectmen of Stratham.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS, 1913-1914

Balance on hand	\$1,574 37
County Treasurer	290 25
Winnicutt club, rent of room	30 00
Albert C. Lane, for perpetual care of cemetery lot of James W. Foss.....	75 00
State Treasurer, on account of forest fires	1 95
insurance tax	8 25
railroad tax.....	290 75
savings bank tax	882 90
literary fund.....	89 01
proportion of school fund	548 25
Frank H. Pearson, old bridge plank.....	50
Benj. Brierley, old bridge plank.....	8 60
John S. Scammon, old bridge plank.....	1 50
M. S. Chase, old bridge plank.....	1 00
Charles N. Lane, dog tax.....	110 25
State Treasurer, for state highway.....	874 09
Collector James E. Stockbridge	13 42
M. F. Piper	496 95
W. H. Batchelder	6,608 82
Town Hall Janitor Albert E. West	31 23
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Amount received for year ending Feb. 17, 1914 ...	\$11,937 09
Expenditures	10,360 49
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	\$1,576 60

TREASURER BARKER'S DISCHARGE

ABATEMENTS

J. E. Nichols	\$3 67
George B. Wiggin, soldier's exemption	15 90
William L. Morse	14 31
Mrs. Amanda Skinner	7 95
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	\$41 83

BOARD OF HEALTH

Fred N. Edmunds, services	\$3 75
Benj. E. Pray, services	8 00

\$11 75

BONDS

Dana W. Baker, Collector's bond	\$12 00
Dana W. Baker, Treasurer's bond	12 00

\$24 00

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

Chester Caverly, work and lumber on saw mill bridge	\$3 00
United Construction Co., beams for bridges .	216 00
Hilliard & Kimball, cement and supplies for bridges	123 51
George H. Odell, supplies for bridge	13 25

\$355 76

CEMETERIES

F. C. Bond, work on cemetery	\$45 50
J. F. Emery, work on Mrs. Ham's lot in Con- gregational cemetery, trust fund of Sarah Downs	5 00

\$50 50

COUNTY CHARGES

Exeter Hospital, on account of Ora Cushing .	\$33 50
G. A. Thompson, wood for Mrs. George F. Wentworth	30 00
George H. Odell, supplies for Mrs. George F. Wentworth	75 00
J. T. Smart, rent for Mrs. George F. Went- worth	18 00

\$156 50

FOREST FIRES

Philip Brierley, fighting fire on Bunker Hill . .	\$0 30
J. F. Emery, fighting fire on Bunker Hill . . .	1 00
Leon Scammon, fighting fire on Bunker Hill .	30
George Stickney, fighting fire on Bunker Hill	30
George Bowley, fighting fire on Bunker Hill .	30
G. R. Brewster, fighting fire on Bunker Hill .	30
Charles Brewster, fighting fire on Bunker Hill	30
Exeter fire department, fighting fire on Bunker Hill	7 75
Robert Piper, fighting fire on Bunker Hill . .	30
John F. Emery, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	4 15
Oscar R. Spurr, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	3 40
G. A. Thompson, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	11 90
Charles Rumrill, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	2 00
Clifford Rand, fighting fire on Long Hill	3 80
Mark F. Piper, fighting fire on Long Hill . . .	1 50
Exeter fire department, fighting fire on Long Hill	11 75
Daniel Hodgdon, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	1 20
George W. Dixon, fighting fire on Long Hill .	1 20
Maurice Cottrell, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	1 50
William H. Jackson, fighting fire on Long Hill	1 50
James C. Piper, fighting fire on Long Hill . .	2 40

 \$57 15

ELECTION EXPENSES

W. L. Dining, election, 1912	\$3 00
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WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

C. W. Rogers, wiring library	\$83 39
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	11 54
Louie A. Mugridge, services	42 15
Harry Brierley, wood	9 50
C. F. Fifield, supplies	1 40
Marion A. Wiggins, services	15 30

George E. Gowen, labor and material on library.....	\$275 13
George E. Gowen, income from Lane fund...	28 00
George E. Gowen, appropriation.....	53 40
J. C. Piper, wood.....	5 50

\$525 31

NOTES AND INTEREST

George W. Dixon, interest on note.....	\$20 00
Charles E. Gear, interest on note.....	60 00
Charles E. Pickering, interest on note.....	50 00
Charles E. Pickering, note and interest.....	507 00

\$637 00

POLICE OFFICERS

W. H. Batchelder.....	\$ 3 00
C. N. Lane, dog constable.....	10 00

\$13 00

STRATHAM HILL PARK

George W. Dixon, fencing park.....	\$4 25
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STATE HIGHWAY

M. S. Chase, Superintendent.....	\$1,764 79
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STATE HIGHWAY REPAIRS

Benj. E. Pray.....	\$36 71
Joseph Parks.....	3 31
L. W. Sargent.....	2 25
H. G. Brierley.....	25 70
John F. Ayer.....	31 75
W. L. Morse.....	2 45

\$102 17

SUMMER ROADS

James C. Piper.....	\$57 00
George C. Jewell.....	81 40
H. G. Brierley.....	44 20
John F. Ayer.....	6 20
D. J. Wiggin.....	3 00
A. H. Jewell.....	22 00
Gilbert A. Thompson.....	4 30
Otis B. French.....	11 00
Harry Syphers.....	7 40
Littlefield Farm.....	4 05
Benj. E. Pray.....	40 35
W. L. Morse.....	3 60
George Dearborn.....	2 25
Shirley Godfrey.....	3 00
Joseph Parks.....	3 00
John S. Brewster.....	18 45
George R. Brewster.....	20 00
James W. Rollins.....	46 00

\$377 20

SNOW PATHS

A. H. Jewell.....	\$11 00
H. G. Brierley.....	12 85
J. C. Piper.....	14 50

\$38 35

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

James L. Parker, county tax.....	\$1,109 12
George E. Farrand, state tax	1,224 00

\$2,333 12

SCHOOLS

Frank H. Pearson, School Treasurer	\$3,306 69
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TOWN OFFICERS

M. S. Chase, services after auditing.....	\$3 50	
Benj. Brierley, services after auditing.....	2 50	
G. A. Thompson, services after auditing.....	5 00	
W. H. Batchelder, Tax Collector.....	92 90	
C. N. Lane, services as Town Clerk.....	11 99	
Benj. Brierley, services as Selectman.....	26 86	
A. H. Jewell, services as Selectman.....	24 36	
M. S. Chase, services as Selectman.....	46 86	
George L. Barker, services as Treasurer.....	50 00	
		————— \$263 97

TOWN HALL

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.....	\$47 82	
A. E. McReel Co., coal.....	41 48	
Hilliard & Kimball, stove funnel for Select-		
men's room.....	1 40	
H. G. Brierley, hauling coal.....	6 00	
Margeson Brothers, chairs.....	30 00	
James C. Piper, wood.....	8 25	
		————— \$134 95

TOWN POOR

G. H. Odell, supplies for Mrs. Barbour.....	\$26 43	
Mrs. Mae Cammett, care of Mrs. Barbour...	22 00	
C. H. Young, meat for Mrs. Barbour.....	12 34	
William L. Morse, wood for Mrs. Barbour...	6 00	
		————— \$66 77

WATERING TROUGHS

Charles L. Hanson, use of watering trough ..	\$3 00	
Asa J. Chapman, use of watering trough, 1912	3 00	
Asa J. Chapman, use of watering trough, 1913	3 00	
James W. Rollins, use of watering trough, 1913	3 00	
George W. Dixon, use of watering trough, 1913	3 00	
		————— \$15 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Albert C. Lane, services as Justice of Peace..	\$5 25
Alice M. Chesley, returns of births and deaths	2 75
John Templeton, printing town reports	43 00
G. A. Thompson, legal advice.....	5 00
James E. Stockbridge, sale of property and deed.....	4 10
Good Roads Machinery Co., blade for machine.....	8 50
M. S. Chase, postage on inventory blanks and express.....	6 13
James H. Batchelder, supplies.....	2 70

 \$77 43

RECAPITULATION

Abatements.....	\$41 83
Board of Health.....	11 75
Bonds.....	24 00
Bridges and culverts.....	355 76
Cemeteries.....	50 50
County charges.....	156 50
Forest fires.....	57 15
Election expenses.....	3 00
Library.....	523 31
Notes and interest.....	637 00
Police Officers.....	13 00
Stratham Hill Park.....	4 25
State highway.....	1,764 79
State highway repairs.....	102 17
Summer roads.....	377 20
Snow paths.....	38 35
State and county taxes.....	2,333 12
Schools.....	3,306 69
Town Officers.....	263 97
Town hall.....	136 95
Town poor.....	66 77

Watering troughs.....	\$15 00
Miscellaneous.....	77 43
Balance.....	1,576 60

\$11,937 09

February 17, 1914.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Treasurer George L. Barker, and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and a balance on hand of fifteen hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty cents. (\$1,576.60).

F. H. PEARSON,
G. W. DIXON,

Auditors.

Collector's Report

Total tax committed.....	\$7,432 42
Uncollected taxes.....	\$704 38
Discount.....	124 94
Paid Treasurer Barker.....	6,603 10
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	\$7,432 42
Paid Treasurer Barker, interest.....	4 90

February 18, 1914.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Tax Collector Wilfred H. Batchelder and find it correctly cast and himself charged with a balance of uncollected taxes of seven hundred and four dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$704.38).

GEORGE W. DIXON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Auditors.

Town Officers' Bills



Town of Stratham to M. S. Chase, Dr.

To Portsmouth, to meet Tax Commission . . .	\$2 36
day in session, making inventory blanks..	2 00
day in session, receiving inventory blanks	2 00
examining wood lots	1 00
examining sawmill bridge	1 00
making taxes	10 00
Mr. Brierley's and Jewell's on town busi-	
ness	50
writing Collector's book	2 00
making return of railroad stock	1 00
jury drawing	50
post office on town business	50
examining bridges	1 00
Exeter, for nurse for Mrs. Barbour	2 00
posting warrant for special meeting	50
copying invoice book	3 00
perambulating town line with Exeter	2 00
making reports of signboards to highway	
department	2 00
Portsmouth to settle county account	2 00
12 evenings sessions	6 00
Feb. 16 and 17, in session	4 00
postage	1 50

\$46 86

Town of Stratham to B. Brierley, Dr.

To Portsmouth to see Tax Commission.....	\$2 36	
writing inventory blanks.....	2 00	
making inventory.....	10 00	
receiving inventory.....	2 00	
repairing bridge.....	1 00	
drawing juror.....	50	
evening sessions.....	5 50	
Two days' sessions	4 00	
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		\$26 86

Town of Stratham to A. H. Jewell, Dr.

To Portsmouth to meet Tax Commission ...	\$2 36	
making inventory.....	10 00	
examining wood lot.....	1 00	
receiving inventory.....	2 00	
evening sessions.....	5 00	
two days' sessions.....	4 00	
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		\$24 36

State Highway

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Statement of Joint Fund Account.

February 3, 1914.		Stratham, South Side.
State contribution	\$1,000 00	
Town contribution		\$1,000 00
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Total Joint Fund		\$2,000 00
State disbursements	\$31 13	
Town disbursements approved		\$1,779 30
Total disbursements		\$1,810 43
Paid by State to Town,		
Dec. 30	\$643 89	
To be paid by State to Town		
about Feb. 9	230 20	
Balance in State Treasury .	94 78	
Balance in Town Treasury		94 79
Total unexpended balance .		<hr/> \$189 57

ACCOUNT OF M. S. CHASE, SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE HIGHWAY

Dr.

Received of George L. Barker, Treasurer \$1,764 79

Cr.

M. S. Chase	\$147 70
James Cooper	65 80
Maurice Cottrell	51 15
Laurice Godfrey	14 00

Robert Otis.....	\$77 45
Henry Jones.....	31 50
Ledyard W. Sargent.....	85 50
Wilfred H. Batchelder.....	62 15
E. B. Chase, gravel.....	17 70
Joseph Parks.....	65 90
Daniel Hall.....	48 90
Ed Cooper.....	27 50
Chester Caverly.....	43 40
Harold Syphers.....	23 65
Peter Cote.....	12 35
A. H. Jewell.....	93 00
Arthur Morse.....	12 25
Mrs. M. A. Sanborn for gravel.....	103 68
John F. Ayer.....	41 52
G. R. Brewster.....	30 25
Warren Horton.....	39 10
Ben. P. Brierley.....	12 00
Benj. Brierley for locust posts.....	13 20
John Parks.....	16 65
Thomas Murphy.....	4 42
Harry Syphers.....	51 00
Benj. E. Pray.....	48 50
James C. Piper.....	4 00
William L. Morse.....	9 00
George A. Dearborn.....	4 00
Hilliard & Kimball for cement and supplies.....	112 55
H. L. Jewell.....	59 00
A. D. Rowe.....	15 75
Holland Scammon.....	29 60
J. E. Chase.....	66 25
F. P. Smith, Jr.....	4 50
F. H. Brewster, forms for bridges.....	13 00
George Delano.....	12 75
Harold Caverly.....	1 75
Exeter Lumber Co.....	45 87
William Jackson.....	5 25

Charles Dearborn.....	\$1 50
George H. Odell, supplies.....	4 02
Frank H. Pearson.....	2 00
James T. Roby.....	11 00
Shirley Godfrey.....	8 70
Olof Hanson for cold chisels.....	1 50
Edwin Smart.....	1 00
John Walker.....	63 98
Fred Nealley.....	29 60
Albert Cottrell.....	18 00
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	\$1,764 79

February 17, 1914

We have this day examined the highway account of Marshall S. Chase and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. H. PEARSON,
G. W. DIXON,
Auditors.

The concrete bridges cost the Town for the abutments about \$275 and about \$550 from the joint fund of State and Town, for the steel beams and top of bridges.

Town Hall



REPORT OF ALBERT E. WEST, JANITOR TOWN HALL

Receipts.

Winnicut Grange.....	\$31 88
Whist Parties.....	39 00
Dances.....	20 25
Entertainments.....	13 50
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	\$104 63

Expenses.

Albert West, Janitor.....	\$63 75
Free meetings.....	7 50
Supplies.....	2 15
Paid Treasurer Barker.....	31 23
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	\$104 63

Stratham, N. H., Feb. 17, 1914.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Janitor Albert E. West, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. S. CHASE,
B. BRIERLEY,
A. H. JEWELL,

Selectmen of Stratham.

Wiggin Memorial Library

Wiggin Memorial Library in account with George E. Gowen, Trustee:

Dr.

Appropriation.....\$500 00

Cr.

Paid W. F. Washburn, cold air draft.....	\$29 96
F. H. Meloon, rubber mat.....	1 00
C. W. Rogers, wiring.....	1 80
Sudgen Bros., lumber.....	21 52
George S. Hicks, carpenter.....	21 99
George E. Gowen, carting, time, and stock.....	22 01
Muchmore & Rider Co., hardware....	1 11
George H. Odell, nails.....	74
Art Metal Con. Co., stacks.....	175 00
Balance on hand.....	224 87

\$500 00

February 17, 1914.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Trustee George E. Gowen, and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and a balance on hand of two hundred and twenty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$224.87).

FRANK H. PEARSON,
G. W. DIXON,

Auditors.

Report of Library Trustees

Seventy-two volumes were added to the library during the year. Of these sixty-nine were purchased by the Trustees, and three volumes (Mark Twain's Biography) were presented by the Stratham Study club, also reports of the constitutional convention, the journal of the legislature of 1913, and reports of the various state departments received from the secretary of state.

Whole number of books loaned during the year 2,030
Largest number loaned Jan. 10th, 1913 60
Smallest number loaned Sept. 6th, 1913 3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1914

1913.	<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance from last year	\$10 30	
1914.		
Income from Amanda Lane fund	28 00	
Annual appropriation	53 40	
Fines from Librarian	6 75	
	————	\$98 45

1914.	<i>Expenditures</i>	
<i>Granite State Monthly</i>	\$6 00	
History of town of Newfields	2 50	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	51 62	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	15 17	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	8 20	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	1 35	
American Express	1 50	
Balance on hand	12 11	
	————	\$98 45

Stratham, Feb. 17, 1914.

We have this day examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and a balance on hand of twelve dollars and eleven cents. (\$12.11)

F. H. PEARSON,

G. W. DIXON,

Auditors.

A REQUEST BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

The Trustees would request the patrons of the Library to handle the Library books while in their possession as carefully as possible. The books belong to the town; every individual has the right to read them. A little care in handling will add much to the life of each book, and also increase the value of the Library to the Town.

ANNUAL LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED

B110	Mark Twain, Vol. I	<i>Albert Bigelow Paine</i>
B111	Mark Twain, Vol. II.....	<i>Albert Bigelow Paine</i>
B112	Mark Twain, Vol. III.....	<i>Albert Bigelow Paine</i>
B113	A Confederate Girl's Diary.....	<i>Sarah M. Dawson</i>
H146	Book of Indian Braves.....	<i>Kate D. Sweetser</i>
H148	The Panama Gateway.....	<i>Joseph B. Bishop</i>
H149	Gentlemen Rovers.....	<i>E. Alexander Powell</i>
H150	History of Newfields.....	<i>Rev. James H. Fitts</i>
L26	Out of the Dark.....	<i>Helen Keller</i>
L27	Granite State Magazine.	
L28	Granite State Magazine.	
L29	Granite State Magazine.	
L30	Granite State Magazine.	
L31	Granite State Magazine.	
L32	Granite State Magazine.	
N61	Animals of the World	<i>Knight & Jenks</i>
N62	Gray Lady and the Birds.....	<i>Mabel O. Wright</i>
N63	Bird Guide	<i>Chester C. Reed</i>
N64	Folk of the Woods.....	<i>Lucius C. Pardee</i>
T104	African Camp Fires.....	<i>Stewart Edward White</i>
U84	Soils and Fertilizers	<i>Harry Snyder</i>
U85	The Soil	<i>F. H. King</i>

U86	Fertilizers and Crops <i>Lucius L. Van Slyke</i>
U87	Practical Tree Repair <i>Peets Elbert</i>
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35B4	The Iron Trail <i>Rex Beach</i>
40B1	Prescott of Saskatchewan <i>Harold Bindloss</i>
41B2	The Hero of the Hills	.....<i>Waldo Browne</i>
41B3	The Young Gunbearer	.....<i>Waldo Browne</i>
41B4	The Woodranger	.....<i>Waldo Browne</i>
21C6	The Inside of the Cup	.....<i>Winston Churchill</i>
45C	The Squirrel Cage	.....<i>Dorothy Canfield</i>
46C	The Golden Rule Dollivers	.....<i>Margaret Cameron</i>
47C	O Pioneers	.....<i>Willa G. Cather</i>
48C	Refractory Husbands	.....<i>Mary S. Cutting</i>
49C	A Son of the Hills	.....<i>Harriet Comstock</i>
33D	The Children's Book of Christmas Stories	..... .....<i>Dickinson & Skinner</i>
34D	The Spotted Panther	.....<i>James F. Dwyer</i>
6F5	The Heart of the Hills	.....<i>John Fox, Jr.</i>
11F	The Man Between	.....<i>Walter Archer Frost</i>
19G1	Desert Gold	.....<i>Jane Gray</i>
39H	The Desired Woman	.....<i>Will N. Harben</i>
40H	Joe, The Book Farmer	.....<i>Garrard Harris</i>
41H	V. V's. Eyes	.....<i>Henry Sydnor Harrison</i>
42H	In Search of a Husband	.....<i>Cora Harris</i>
10L9	Mr. Pratt's Patients	.....<i>Joseph C. Lincoln</i>
15L1	The Taste of Apples	.....<i>Jennette Lee</i>
41M	The Best Stories in the World	.....<i>Thomas L. Masson</i>
31M9	A Fool and his Money	.....<i>George Barr McCutcheon</i>
5N2	Otherwise Phyllis	.....<i>Meredith Nicholson</i>
7P3	The Judgment House	.....<i>Gilbert Parker</i>
12P3	The Land of the Spirit	.....<i>Thomas Nelson Page</i>
20P3	Laddie	.....<i>Gene-Stratton Porter</i>
24P	Polly-anna	.....<i>Eleanor H. Porter</i>
23R	Village Life in America	.....<i>Caroline C. Richards</i>
41S	The Wild White Woods	.....<i>Russell D. Smith</i>
3W9	The Story of Waitstill Baxter	.....<i>Kate Douglas Wiggin</i>
27W7	Gold	.....<i>Stewart Edward White</i>

31W2	The Mating of Lydia	<i>Mrs. Humphrey Ward</i>
41W	There She Blows	<i>James Cooper Wheeler</i>
42W	The Mixing	<i>Bouch White</i>
11A3	Little Men	<i>L. M. Alcott</i>
17A	Grayfriars Bobby	<i>Eleanor Atkinson</i>
27D1	The Fortunes of Phoebe	<i>E. D. Deland</i>
1D14	The Pickwick Papers	<i>Charles Dickens</i>
6F5	The Heart of the Hills	<i>John Fox, Jr.</i>
23G	The Dark Flower	<i>John Galsworthy</i>
24G	The Wind in the Willows	<i>Kenneth Grahame</i>
43H	Bendish	<i>Maurice Hewlett</i>
20L	Making over Martha	<i>J. M. Lippmann</i>
10L10	The Woman Haters	<i>Joseph Lincoln</i>
12L4	The Valley of the Moon	<i>Jack London</i>
43W	The Custom of the Country	<i>Edith Wharton</i>
36W2	Aunt Jimmy's Will	<i>M. O. Wright</i>

Treasurer of School District's Report

Receipts.

Balance in treasury from last year \$966 91

Received from George L. Barker, Town Treasurer:

Amount required by law	1,147 50
raised in addition	920 00
for salaries of School Board	150 00
for salary of Truant Officer	25 00
for teaching music	100 00
for Building in Div. 4	100 00
received from literary fund	89 01
from dog licenses	96 93
from state, tuitions re-	
bate	264 00
from state, for qualified	
teachers	174 00
from state, for average at-	
tendance	110 25
from Town of Greenland,	
tuition of Rumrill chil-	
dren, 36 weeks at 25c	
each	18 00
from Joseph Parks, for	
stove at Div. 2	50
George L. Barker, Town	
Treasurer, amount	
raised at special meet-	
ing, July 2, 1912	130 00

\$4,292 10

SALARIES

Albert T. Lane, Superintendent*	\$250 00
C. L. Akeley, Music Teacher	105 41
Mrs. Annie W. Scammon, chairman School Board	41 35
Mrs. Hannah F. Thompson	26 75
Albert C. Lane	19 75
Frank H. Pearson, Clerk and Treasurer	20 00
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	\$463 26

*Unexpired term of Superintendent.

Division 1

Miss Helen M. Littlefield, 17 weeks at \$12.00	\$204 00
Miss Helen M. Littlefield, 19 weeks at \$13.50	256 50
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	\$460 50

Division 2

Miss Caroline L. Hunt, 18 weeks at \$11.00	\$198 00
Miss Marion T. MacGregor, 8 weeks at \$10.50	84 00
Miss Mildred L. Lane, 2-5 weeks at \$10.00	4 00
Miss Eleanor M. Chalmers, 3 weeks plus, at \$11.50	36 45
Miss Eleanor M. Chalmers, 5 weeks at \$12.00	60 00
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	\$382 45

Division 3

Miss Hazel M. Richardson, 16 1-5 weeks at \$11.50	\$186 30
Miss Myra E. Huckins, 19 weeks at \$12.00	228 00
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	\$414 30

Division 4

Miss Anne H. Lord, 36 weeks, at \$10.00	\$360 00
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	\$1,617 25

REPAIRS

Fred C. Bond, cement and labor, Division 2	\$4 80	
Hannah F. Thompson, repair Division 3 . . .	1 15	
F. H. Brewster, out building and repairs, Division 4	113 79	
Irving W. Brown, labor on chimney, Div. 3.	14 70	
R. D. Whittier, repairing clock, Division 1 . .	1 00	
F. H. Brewster, repairs, Division 1	10 35	
Hilliard & Kimball, repairs on stove	14 50	
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		\$160 29

JANITORS

Division 1, Leonard Tuttle	\$5 00	
J. Lamson Emery	14 50	
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		\$19 50
2, Joseph E. Parks	25 50	
3, Alice M. Grant	20 00	
4, Ralph P. Lane	\$15 00	
Cora B. Lane	8 25	
Agnes Lane	7 50	
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		30 75
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		\$95 75

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

George H. Odell, supplies	\$4 75	
E. E. Babb & Co.	105 40	
American Book Co.	13 13	
Ginn & Co.	96	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	5 47	
A. T. Lane	1 95	
R. H. White	1 50	
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		\$133 16

FUEL

W. L. Morse, wood.....	\$72 00
C. E. Walker, coal.....	21 00
G. A. Thompson, wood.....	11 50
A. D. Rowe, wood.....	13 00
F. C. Bond, wood.....	3 50
P. W. Goodsoe, wood.....	22 25

\$143 25

TUITION AT APPROVED SCHOOLS

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Bertha Chapman.....	\$39 99
Doris Littlefield.....	39 99
Arthur Morse.....	39 99

\$119 97

ROBINSON SEMINARY

Vera Tuttle.....	\$40 00
Florence Odell.....	40 00
Edith Lane.....	40 00
Myra Jewell.....	40 00
H. Myrtle Brewster.....	13 00
Maude Thompson.....	13 00
Bertha Stickney.....	40 00
Sadie Smith.....	13 00
Evelyn Wiggin.....	40 00
Bernice Wiggin.....	27 00
Ruth Godfrey.....	27 00
Mary Chase.....	27 00
Alice Lane.....	27 00
Martha Lane.....	27 00
Stella Tuttle.....	27 00

\$441 00

EXETER HIGH SCHOOL

Harold P. Odell	\$13 00
Louis Odell	40 00
Lauris G. Godfrey	40 00
Percy D. Murray	40 00
Philip Brierley	40 00
John H Caverly	28 00
Milton Caverly	40 00
Maurice Cottrell	27 00
Chester Scammon	40 00
Harold Syphers	27 00
Alden J. Syphers	27 00
Otto H. Syphers	27 00
Leon P. Scammon	27 00
	<hr/> \$416 00
	<hr/> \$976 97

MISCELLANEOUS

A. H. Jewell, hauling coal	\$4 00
F. H. Pearson, postage	3 00
Mrs. Annie W. Scammon, cash paid out	8 64
John Templeton, order book	1 50
James E. Cooper, labor, Division 1	4 25
Joseph E. Parks, labor, Division 2	1 30
Mrs. John F. Emery, cleaning school houses 1, 2, 4	12 00
Mrs. Fred Neally, cleaning school house 3	4 00
Fred Neally, labor, Division 3	2 50
John G. Sweetser, coal stove, Division 2	28 00
Miss Annie I. Hanley, mending flag, Division 2	60
H. G. Brierly, labor, Division 1	1 40
Mrs. Hannah F. Thompson, cash paid out	12 14
Wilfred Batchelder, splitting and hauling wood	1 00
	<hr/> \$84 33

RECAPITULATION

Salaries of Superintendent.....	\$250 00
Salaries of Music Teacher.....	105 41
Salaries of School Officials.....	107 85
Salaries of Teachers.....	1,617 25
Books and supplies.....	133 16
Janitors.....	95 75
Repairs.....	160 29
Tuition at approved schools.....	976 97
Fuel.....	143 25
Miscellaneous.....	84 33
Balance on hand.....	617 84
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	\$4,292 10

February, 17, 1914.

I have this day examined the account of School Treasurer Frank H. Pearson and find it correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of six hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents (\$617.84) in his hands.

GEORGE L. BARKER, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of School Board

ORGANIZATION

Annie W. Scammon	<i>Chairman</i>
Hannah F. Thompson	
Albert C. Lane	<i>Secretary</i>
Wilfred H. Batchelder	<i>Truant Officer</i>

TEACHERS

Division I	Helen M. Littlefield
Division II	Carolyn Hunt, Marion G. MacGregor, Eleanor M. Chalmers
Division III	Hazel M. Richardson, Myra E. Huckins
Division IV	Anne H. Lord

STATISTICS

From the registers of last year the following statistics, required by law have been compiled:

Whole number of different pupils over five years of age who have attended at least two years.....98

Boys.....53

Girls.....45

Number under five years of age..... 0

Number over sixteen years of age..... 0

Number between five and sixteen..... 98

Average attendance in all schools.....78.41

Average absence in all schools..... 6.61

Average membership	85.33
Percentage of daily attendance	92.52
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	1
Number of cases of tardiness	202
Numbers of visits of School Board	42
Number of visits by the Superintendent	138
Number of visits by parents and others	256
Cost per pupil for text books and supplies	\$2.04
Total expenditure per pupil	\$29.75

Enumeration of children by A. C. Lane, September, 1913.
 Number of children between five and sixteen

Boys	55
Girls	42

Born in New Hampshire	83
Born elsewhere in the United States	14

ROLL OF HONOR

Division IV, Alice G. Wells.

ATTENDANCE TABLE

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Entire registration.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Average absence.	Average membership.	Percentage of daily attendance.	Number of cases of tardiness.	Number of pupils not absent or tardy.	Number of visits of the School Board.	Number of visits of the Superintendent.	Number of visits of parents and others.
Division I	Helen M. Littlefield	28	20	8	20.20	1.18	21.69	93.14	22	0	10	35	91
Division II	Caroline L. Hunt	26	13	13	18.37	1.03	19.40	94.69	86	0	11	37	75
Division III	Hazel M. Richardson	29	15	14	23.51	3.69	27.20	86.44	31	0	5	33	41
Division IV	Jessie B. Fogg } Anne H. Lord }	19	7	12	16.33	.71	17.04	95.83	63	1	11	33	49
	Total	102	55	47	78.39	6.61	85.33	370.10	202	1	37	138	256

Annual Report of the School Board

For the Year ending February 15, 1914

During the spring term our schools continued under the management of the District Superintendent, Mr. Lane. The school board assumed full charge in September.

In Division I we deemed ourselves fortunate that the school could still remain under the management of Miss Littlefield, who, having already been there four terms, had brought it to a high state of efficiency; and it has more than retained that standard. It has been unfortunate in only one matter, — during the fall term a mild epidemic of mumps developed, and this has occasioned a large number of absences, which has caused the average attendance to fall much lower than it otherwise would.

In Division II, Miss Hunt remained through the spring term, resigning at the end to take a position in Marblehead.

The fall term opened with Miss MacGregor, a Salem Normal pupil; but at the end of eight weeks, realizing that she was not accomplishing all that she should with the pupils, she resigned.

November 1st, Miss Eleanor Chalmers, of Colebrook and Boston University, a teacher of several years' experience, assumed charge; and, with the exception of a two weeks' break on account of illness, the work has gone on very smoothly, fast overcoming the lapses of the fall term. In her, we feel that we have an ideal teacher, herself thoroughly interested

in her work and with the faculty of transferring that interest to her pupils.

Miss Richardson closed her work in Division III at the end of the spring term.

This is the largest of our schools, and needed a firm and experienced hand to bring the pupils up to the mark, and we seemed to have satisfactorily solved this problem when we placed Miss Huckins, a New Hampshire teacher of twelve years' experience, in charge. She came to the school at a time when a large amount of extra work was needed in re-arranging grades and studies. She has faithfully given her time both in and out of school, and in all her plans has had the hearty co-operation of parents and pupils.

Miss Lord has remained throughout the year in Division IV, and, while this is our smallest school, having only five grades, none above the sixth, they show an enthusiasm in their lessons unequalled in any of our other classes, and at the fall term they attained the remarkable average attendance of 99.08 — a mark which we cannot find has ever before been attained in the town.

One of the difficulties which the School Board and Superintendent have had to combat in the last few years has been the falling off of the average attendance. In 1910, the percentage fell below 87 per cent., the amount necessary to receive state aid, thus depriving the town of nearly two hundred dollars. In 1911, there was a slight improvement; and the same in 1912. In 1913, it reached 92.55.

At the beginning of this year it seemed necessary to devise some means of reaching a mark which would make us certain of the aid given by the state, and a banner was procured, to be held each month by the school having the highest per cent., and at the end of the year the school holding it the greatest number of months is to receive a small sum of money to be used for the school room. This has proven an incentive to the pupils, and at the beginning of February the average for this year was 96.16.

While the school in Division IV has so far held the banner,

Division III is entitled to as much, or more, credit for their work in this line, since they have held a very low mark for a number of years, beginning in September with 88%, rising steadily to 98.14% in December.

Very few reports have come to us of children remaining away from school unless compelled to do so by illness, and it has not been necessary to call upon our truant officer for any service whatever during the year.

This town is fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. Akeley as instructor in music, and it seems to be the unanimous wish of the district that he be retained the coming year.

In regard to the salaries of our teachers, this fact must be born in mind, that there is a constantly increasing demand for trained instructors, and especially for those who have had a year or more of experience and proven themselves a success along the lines for which they have fitted, and in order to obtain the services of such we must pay the price; and even if we are willing to do this, it is not always easy to secure them, as illustrated by the fact that out of forty-seven applications received during the summer for positions in our schools, only seven were trained *and* experienced teachers. The remainder were fresh from normal or high school, or college, — doubtless with many latent possibilities, yet an uncertainty, as we learned to our sorrow in Division II.

While we are paying our teachers more than many of the adjoining towns, yet when you consider that one is a normal graduate with three years' experience, one with twelve years' experience and a holder of a permanent New Hampshire teacher's certificate, the third a student of Boston University with five years' experience, also a holder of a New Hampshire certificate, and that for every week taught in the town by each of these teachers we receive \$2 rebate from the state, our pay roll is not as extravagant as it may seem at first appearance.

For the past few years there has been a good deal of trouble in Division II to keep the building suitably heated, and real-

izing that something must be done to remedy this defect, we installed a large coal stove, and the coal fire has kept the room comfortable in the severest weather. As to the relative expense of the coal and wood, we are hardly able to judge yet, but will state that beginning with September they have used about two cords of wood and three tons of coal to date. It seems as if this would be the final solution of the heating problem for all our schools.

At the last session of the legislature a measure was passed, arranging for medical inspection of pupils, school-rooms and surroundings, according to plans laid out by the State Board of Health and the State Superintendent. The acceptance of this is optional with school districts. Mr. Morrison, State Superintendent, in discussing the expense attendant upon its adoption, stated that, for a town the size of Stratham, \$25 would be ample appropriation.

The more important sections of this law follow, and we would ask the voters to carefully consider this measure, which would seem to obviate some of the difficulties with which teachers and school boards have to contend, and, if they deem it advisable, adopt it.

"Sect. 2. The school board of the city or town, in which such school district is located, shall appoint one or more school physicians of not less than five years' experience, shall assign one to each public and each private school within such school district, and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the performance of their duties as prescribed in this act.

Sect. 3. Every school physician shall, in the presence of the teacher at least once a year, previous notice having been given, make such an examination of every pupil, excepting such as are hereinafter exempted, and of every teacher, janitor, and other employees, of the schools committed to his charge, and of the school buildings, yards and surroundings thereof as the protection of the health of the pupils may require. He shall report the results of his examination to the School Board, who shall record the same, and they shall forthwith take such

action thereon as in their judgment the public health or the health of the pupils demands.

Sect. 4. Every child, who shows signs of being in ill health or of suffering from a communicable disease, shall be referred by the teacher to the parents or guardian of such child for examination and diagnosis by some regularly registered physician, and if said parents fail or neglect to have such child so examined, and produce a certificate from such physician within two days, then such child shall be examined by said school physician.

Sect. 5. The school physician shall cause notice of the disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering to be sent to his parent or guardian. Whenever a child shows symptoms of smallpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria, influenza, tonsilitis, whooping cough, mumps, scabies, or trachoma, or other communicable disease, he shall be sent home immediately, or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found.

Sect. 6 The school physician shall cause every child in the public schools to be carefully tested and examined in the presence of the teacher at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. The tests of sight and hearing shall be made by the teacher under the direction of the school physician. The physician shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prescribe."

In closing this report the School Board would recognize the hearty cooperation of their teachers in all plans for the good of the pupils, and would extend their thanks to all parents

and others who have in any way assisted in making our schools a success.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,
HANNAH F. THOMPSON,
ALBERT C. LANE,

School Board.

Estimate for the coming fiscal year ending February 15, 1915:

Text books and supplies.....	\$150
Flags and appurtenances.....	10
High School tuition.....	900
Teachers' salaries	1,700
Fuel.....	175
Janitors.....	85
Miscellaneous.....	100

\$2120

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the fourteenth day of March, 1914, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to employ a Music Teacher for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see what sum of money the District will raise for repairs of school buildings.
10. To see if the District will vote to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 83, laws of 1913.

Given under our hands at said Stratham, this 18th day of February, 1914.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,
HANNAH F. THOMPSON,
ALBERT C. LANE,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,
HANNAH F. THOMPSON,
ALBERT C. LANE,

School Board.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N; H., for the year ending December 31, 1913.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.		No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		F	M						
Jan. 3, 1912	Mary A. Dick			8	L	Cyphrien Dick	Arthemier Duber	Maine	Canada.
Jan. 16	Jessica L. Wiggin	"	"	5	"	Howard M. Wiggin	L. Blanche Thurston	Stratham	Newton.
April 18	Pascal H. Jewell	M	"	1	"	Charles E. Jewell	Hester Horton	Stratham	Lynn, Mass.
June 21	Jeane Sargent	"	"	1	"	Ledyard W. Sargent	Etta Lennox	Boston, Mass.	Trenton, N. J.
July 5	Myrtle I. Witham	F	"	4	"	Frank I. Witham	Nellie W. Holley	Nottingham	Gloucester, Ms.
July 18	Clifford M. Caverly	M	"	9	"	Chester B. Caverly	Isabelle Cummings	Ipswich, Mass.	Cape Breton.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1913.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 23	Stratham	Harold R. Winch Isabel Thompson	22 22	W "	Framingh'm, Ms. Stratham	Fred N. Winch Loren H. Thompson		Rev. J. H. Mugridge, Stratham.
June 25	North Hampton	Percy E. Jewell Flora A. Taylor	26 27	W "	Stratham North Hampton	E. Bloomer Jewell John F. Taylor		Rev. M. F. Mevis, North Hampton.
Dec. 25	Haverhill, Mass.	Guy W. Brewster Vivian P. Dame	21 20	W "	Stratham Nottingham	George R. Brewster Amos B. Dame		Rev. J. F. Babb, Haverhill, Mass.
Dec. 31	Brentwood	Robert H. Gowen Mary L. Nixon	27 27	W "	Stratham Beragh, Ire.	George E. Gowen William Nixon		Rev. V. M. Houghton, Exeter.

DEATHS Recorded in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1913.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 30	Ruth Thompson	—	2	6	Exeter Hospital	F	W		Gilbert A. Thompson	Hannah B. Ford
May 19	Annie W. Clough	1	3	5	Exeter	F	"	W	Lewellyn Clough	Annie M. Cooper
July 30	Annie A. Barbour	62	4	30	Nova Scotia	F	"		— Hudson	—
Sept. 17	Anna —	—	8	26	Exeter	F	"		—	Ora Cushing
Dec. 6	William B. Lang	78	9	16	Rye	M	"	W	Leonard Lang	Data Garland

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